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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS ON ARMS RESTRAINT

REF: STATE 95651 AND 92467

1. I TALKED TO FOREIGN MINISTER CONSALVI APRIL 19  
REGARDING REFTELS, AND HAD OPPORTUNITY TO MENTION IT  
BRIEFLY EARLIER TO PRES. PEREZ. LATTER SAID HE WANTED TO  
MOVE AHEAD WITH THIS MATTER, AND INSTRUCTED CONSALVI  
TO DISCUSS IT FURTHER WITH ME.

2. AFTER I EXPLAINED THE GENERAL IDEAS WE HAD IN MIND,  
CONSALVI SAID HE WOULD WELCOME A TEAM TO DISCUSS THIS  
SUBJECT. IT WAS CLEAR, HOWEVER, THAT HE HAS IN MIND  
A MUCH MORE PRELIMINARY EXERCISE AND A MUCH SMALLER  
GROUP THAN WE DO. CONSALVI SAID HE WANTS TO EXPLORE  
THE "POLITICAL DIMENSIONS" FIRST; HE DID NOT THINK THE  
GOV WAS READY FOR "TECHNICAL" DISCUSSIONS. HE IS  
THINKING ESSENTIALLY OF MEETING WITH THE GROUP HIMSELF,  
AND VOLUNTEERED THAT HE ASSUMED THIS WOULD BE NO  
MORE THAN TWO OR THREE. I SUGGESTED THE DESIRABILITY  
OF INVOLVING OTHER MINISTRIES AND PARTS OF THE  
GOVERNMENT. HE WAS INITIALLY RESISTANT TO HAVING  
MILITARY OFFICIALS PARTICIPATE AT THIS TIME, STATING  
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THAT THAT PHASE MIGHT COME LATER. HE LATER SAID THAT  
HE WOULD NOT OBJECT TO A MILITARY OFFICER ON OUR GROUP,  
ALTHOUGH HE AGAIN EMPHASIZED HE DID NOT WANT AT THIS  
POINT TO GET INTO "TECHNICAL LEVEL" DISCUSSIONS. HE  
IS NOT, HOWEVER, PLANNING AT THIS POINT TO STRUCTURE  
A TASK FORCE, ALTHOUGH I THINK WE CAN ARRANGE PART-  
ICIPATION OF OTHERS AD HOC.

3. IN SUM, THE TASK BEFORE US IS TILL A PRELIMINARY AND POLITICAL ONE. WE NEED IN A SENSE TO DISCUSS VARIOUS WAYS FOR VENEZUELA TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE, AND LAY OUT FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION VARIOUS FACTORS AND OUR OWN EXPRIENCE, IN SHORT TO HELP THEM DEFINE THE ISSUES. ONCE THEY DECIDE TO MOVE, I THINK IT CAN GO ALONG FAIRLY RAPIDLY, AND TECHNICAL DISUCCSSIONS MAY WELL FOLLOW.

4. GIVEN THE ABOVE, I WOULD ASK THAT PPC DIRECTOR EINAUDI AND ONE REP FROM PM COM DOWN. I DON NOT THINK IT NECESSARY TO HAVE THE GROUP RANKED ANY HIGHER, AND GIVEN THE MINISTER'S RESPONSE, I DO NOT THINK IT SHOULD BE ANY LARGER FOR NOW. I WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION IF A MILITARY MEMBER WERE INCLUDED, BUT I DOUBT THAT THE GOV WILL INITIALLY INCLUDE A COUNTER-PART ON THEIR SIDE.

5. AS TO TIMING, CONSALVI INDICATED ANY TIME BETWEEN APRIL 26 AND MAY 20. HE HAS HIMSELF GONE OUT OF TOWN NOW AND WILL NOT RETURN UNTIL APRIL 24. PLEASE ADVISE.  
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